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WASHINGTON THIRD IN U. S. IN WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION FOR 2003; UNITED STATES PRODUCTION UP 42 PERCENT FROM 2002

WASHINGTON: Based on June 1 conditions, Washington's 2003 winter wheat crop is expected to total 111.6 million bushels. Only Kansas, with 426.8 million bushels, and Oklahoma, with 169.2 million bushels, are expecting larger crops. Washington's growers are expected to harvest 1.80 million acres, up 50,000 acres from last year and average 62.0 bushels per acre, an increase of 3 bushels per acre from the 2002 crop. This yield is unchanged from the May 1 forecast.

On June 1, winter wheat development was ahead of 2002 but behind the 5-year average. Thirty-seven percent was headed compared with 28 percent last year and a 5-year average of 43 percent.

"Warmer temperatures in late May 2003 accelerated growth, however, precipitation is needed in many areas to maintain the current good condition evident on June 1", stated Ray Garibay, State Statistician for the Washington Agricultural Statistics Service in Olympia.

OREGON: Oregon's winter wheat production in 2003 is estimated at 49.8 million bushels compared with 29.1 million bushels in 2002. Both harvested acres and yield were above last year. Harvested acres increased from 710,000 acres to 940,000 acres and yield rose 12 bushels per acre to 53.0 bushels. The yield is unchanged from the May 1 forecast. Conditions declined slightly during May, but are still better than last year. Rainfall during the month helped fill wheat kernels, however, stress is still visible in some dryland fields.

IDAHO: Idaho's winter wheat production, at 58.2 million bushels, is up from 54.5 million bushels harvested last year. Area for harvest is up 20,000 acres to 710,000 acres and yield increased to 82.0 bushels per acre from 79.0 bushels per acre. Cool, wet weather changed rapidly to warm, dry conditions. Precipitation during late April and early May was above average for most areas, boosting yield expectations. Yields rose 3 bushels per acre from the May 1 forecast.

KANSAS, OKLAHOMA, and TEXAS: Continued dry weather in Texas has caused deterioration of the crop. In Kansas, widespread rains during May boosted crop conditions in the central and eastern parts of the State. In Oklahoma, excellent conditions continued in the northern half of the State, while the Panhandle and southwest districts remained in mostly fair to poor condition.

UNITED STATES: The national winter wheat crop is forecasted at 1.63 billion bushels, up 4 percent from the May 1 forecast and 42 percent above 2002. Based on June 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 44.6 bushels per acre, up 1.7 bushels from the previous forecast. Grain area totals 36.4 million acres, unchanged from May 1. White winter wheat production at the national level is estimated at 252.9 million bushels, up 26 percent from last year and 30 percent above the 2001 crop.

Winter wheat acreage will be updated on June 30, 2003, along with the spring sown field crops. Estimates of wheat sown by variety are scheduled to be released on July 11. The next estimates of winter wheat and spring wheat yields and production will be published July 11.

**Winter Wheat Harvested Acreage, Yield, and Production,
2001-2002, Forecasted June 1, 2003**

State	Acres Harvested		Yield				Production		
	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003		2001	2002	2003
					May 1	Jun 1			
	1,000 Acres		Bushels/Acre				1,000 Bushels		
Washington	1,750	1,800	61	59	62	62	106,750	103,250	111,600
Oregon	710	940	40	41	53	53	28,000	29,110	49,820
Idaho	690	710	73	79	79	82	51,830	54,510	58,220
Pacific NW	3,150	3,450	59.0	59.3	63.0	63.7	186,580	186,870	219,640
Kansas	8,100	9,700	40	33	40	44	328,000	267,300	426,800
Oklahoma	3,500	4,700	33	28	34	36	122,100	98,000	169,200
Montana	750	1,700	22	28	36	38	19,140	21,000	64,600
Colorado	1,650	2,200	33	22	30	33	66,000	36,300	72,600
Ohio	810	960	67	62	68	68	60,300	50,220	65,280
Texas	2,700	3,700	34	29	31	29	108,800	78,300	107,300
Nebraska	1,520	1,650	37	32	38	44	59,200	48,640	72,600
10 States	22,180	28,060	40.2	35.5	40.5	42.7	950,120	786,630	1,198,020
U.S. Total	29,651	36,447	43.5	38.5	42.9	44.6	1,361,479	1,142,802	1,626,376

Wheat: Production by Class, United States, 1998-2002 1/

Year	Winter			Spring 2/			Total
	Hard Red	Soft Red	White	Hard Red	White	Durum	
	1,000 Bushels						
1999	1,050,747	454,261	191,572	447,908	55,200	99,322	2,299,010
2000	846,324	471,356	248,343	502,318	54,314	109,805	2,232,460
2001	766,795	399,670	195,014	475,515	36,493	83,556	1,957,043
2002	609,243	332,275	201,284	356,597	37,592	79,450	1,616,441
2003	1,005,205	368,294	252,877				

1/ Wheat class estimates are based on varietal acreage survey data. The previous end-of-season class percentages are used throughout the forecast season except in Colorado, Kansas, and Nebraska, which have been updated with current data.

2/ Spring wheat production by class and total production will be published in "Crop Production" released July 11, 2003.